

Terlipressin

Effect of Terlipressin Administration on Portal Pressure in Patients with Liver Cirrhosis

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Background/Aims: We conducted this prospective study to evaluate portal hypotensive effect of terlipressin in patients with liver cirrhosis and to find out the factors that contribute to effective reduction of portal pressure after terlipressin administration. **Methods:** A total of 34 patients with cirrhosis who have experienced variceal bleeding were selected. We measured the mean blood pressure (MBP), heart rate (HR), hepatic venous pressure gradient (HVPG), and portal venous flow (PVF) before and 5, 10, 15, 20 minutes after terlipressin administration. Patients who showed an average HVPG reduction of 20% from 5 min to 20 min after terlipressin administration were defined as responder. **Results:** At 5 minutes after terlipressin administration, HVPG and PVF decreased from 17.5 ± 5.5 mmHg to 14.1 ± 4.7 mmHg ($-19.4 \pm 14.8\%$, $p < 0.01$) and, from 842.6 ± 386.0 mL/min to 642.5 ± 358.5 mL/min ($-25.5 \pm 12.2\%$, $p < 0.01$). Elevation of MBP and reduction of HR started after 5 min ($p < 0.01$) and sustained until 20 min. Twenty six patients (76.5%) were classified as responder. In multivariate analysis to identify factors which affect responder, only the Child-Pugh score was a significantly independent factor for responder (Child-Pugh score < 10 , odds ratio 135.3, 95% CI [2.45, 7472.33], $p = 0.016$). **Conclusions:** Terlipressin might be helpful in control of variceal bleeding due to reducing portal pressure and more effective in cirrhotic patients with a low Child-Pugh score. (Korean J Gastroenterol 2002;39:198-203)

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Table 1. Clinical Characteristics of the Patients

Age (yr, range)	48 (31-69)
Sex (male)	34 (100%)
Etiology	
alcohol	27 (79.4%)
HBV	2 (5.9%)
alcohol + HBV	5 (14.7%)
Child-Pugh class	
A	4 (11.8%)
B	20 (58.8%)
C	10 (29.4%)

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Table 2. Effects of Terlipressin Administration on Hemodynamic Parameters

	After the Administration of Terlipressin 2mg				
	Baseline	5 min	10 min	15 min	20 min
HVPG (mmHg)	17.5 ± 5.5	14.1 ± 4.7*	13.4 ± 4.6*	12.5 ± 4.6*	12.4 ± 4.8*
WHVP (mmHg)	26.9 ± 6.8	24.5 ± 6.6*	24.7 ± 6.6*	24.4 ± 6.4*	24.6 ± 6.8*
FHVP (mmHg)	9.4 ± 4.6	10.4 ± 5.0†	11.2 ± 5.2*	11.8 ± 5.5*	12.0 ± 5.3*
MBP (mmHg)	86.3 ± 14.3	102.6 ± 17.6*	102.9 ± 16.8*	102.4 ± 16.5*	102.5 ± 16.9*
HR (mmHg)	76.1 ± 13.1	65.5 ± 11.5*	67.4 ± 10.6*	67.8 ± 10.5*	67.7 ± 9.9*
PVF (mL/min)	842.6 ± 386.0	642.5 ± 358.5*	594.4 ± 311.0*	586.2 ± 313.1*	585.6 ± 314.0*

HVPG, hepatic venous pressure gradient; WHVP, wedged hepatic venous pressure; FHVP, free hepatic venous pressure; MBP, mean blood pressure; HR, heart rate; PVF, portal vein flow.
Values are expressed as mean ± SD.

* p<0.01 vs. baseline.
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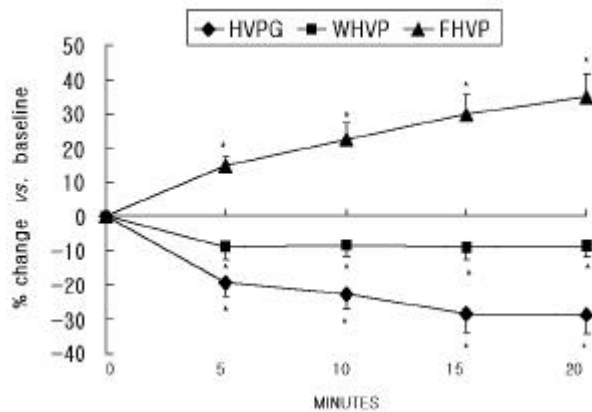


Fig. 1. Percent changes of the hepatic venous pressure gradient (HVPG), wedged hepatic venous pressure (WHVP) and free hepatic venous pressure (FHVP) in all patients. HVPG was reduced at 5 min after terlipressin administration (p<0.01 vs. baseline). After 15 min, HVPG was not changed (p>0.05 15 min vs. 20 min). WHVP was reduced at 5 min (p<0.01 vs. baseline) and sustained until 20 min (5 min vs. 20 min, p>0.05). Elevation of FHVP started at 5 min. After 15 min, FHVP elevation was sustained (15 min vs. 20 min, p>0.05). *p<0.01 vs. baseline.

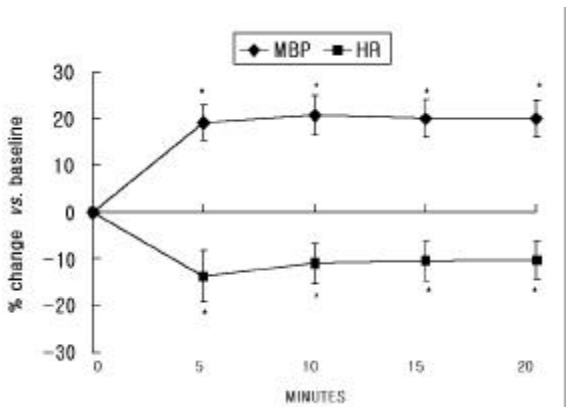


Fig. 2. Percent changes of mean blood pressure (MBP) and heart rate (HR) of all patients. MBP was elevated at 5 min (p<0.01 vs. baseline) and sustained until 20 min (5 min vs. 20 min, p>0.05). HR was reduced at 5 min (p<0.01 vs. baseline) and not changed until 20 min significantly (5 min vs. 20 min, p>0.05). *p<0.01 vs. baseline.

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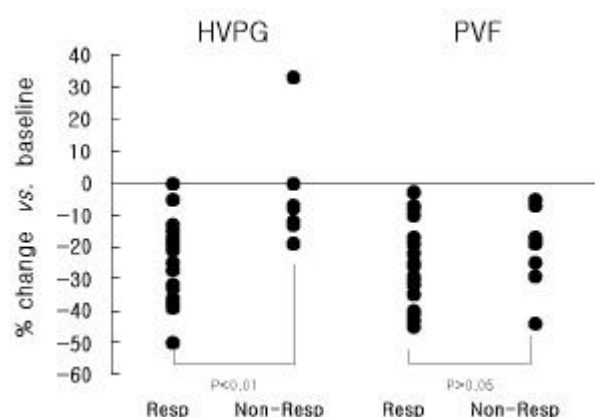


Fig. 3. Reduction of hepatic venous pressure gradient (HVP) and portal vein flow (PVF) at 5 min after terlipressin administration according to drug response. PVF was reduced in both responders (Resp) and non-responders (Non-resp) ($p < 0.01$ vs. baseline).

Table 3. Clinical and Hemodynamic Features of Responders and Non-responders at 5 min after Terlipressin Administration

	Responder (n=26)	Non-responder (n=8)
Age (yr, range)*	47 (31-69)	54 (43-62)
Child-Pugh class		
A & B	23 (88.5%)	1 (12.5%)
C	3 (11.5%)	7 (87.5%)
Percent change of HVP (%)†	-23.7 ± 11.4	-5.5 ± 16.9
Percent change of MBP (%)	18.5 ± 12.9	21.5 ± 16.1
Percent change of HR (%)	-14.2 ± 6.1	-12.1 ± 9.5
Percent reduction of PVF (%)	-26.5 ± 12.4	-22.6 ± 11.9

HVP, hepatic venous pressure gradient; WHVP, wedged hepatic venous pressure; FHVP, free hepatic venous pressure; MBP, mean blood pressure; HR, heart rate; PVF, portal vein flow.

Values are expressed as mean \pm SD.

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Table 4. Results of Multivariate Analysis for Responders

	Odds ratio	95% CI	p value
Age (<50 vs. ≥ 50)	0.647	0.008-51.311	NS
Pugh score (<10 vs. ≥ 10)	135.296	2.450-7472.328	0.016
Etiology (viral vs. non-viral)	2.269	0.026-196.681	NS
HVP (<18 mmHg vs. ≥ 18)	3.392	0.090-128.148	NS
WHVP (<28 mmHg vs. ≥ 28)	2.467	0.038-158.862	NS
FHVP (<8 mmHg vs. ≥ 8)	0.195	0.004-8.439	NS
MBP (<80 mmHg vs. ≥ 80)	0.974	0.023-41.190	NS
HR (<70 beats/min vs. ≥ 70)	4.094	0.070-240.186	NS

HVP, hepatic venous pressure gradient; WHVP, wedged hepatic venous pressure; FHVP, free hepatic venous pressure; MBP, mean blood pressure; HR, heart rate; NS, not significant.

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